

Version of ID84 suggested by CIA on 21 April 1948

A B I L L

To amend section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 in order to increase the Security of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 605 of the Act of June 19, 1934, entitled "An Act To provide for the regulation of interstate and foreign communication by wire or radio, and for other purposes" (48 Stat. 1103; 47 U.S.C. 605), as amended, is hereby further amended by striking therefrom the period at the end of said section and substituting therefor a colon followed by the words: "Provided further, That, in the interest of national security, the President may designate ~~appropriate~~ departments or agencies of the United States Government to be lawful authorities within the meaning of this section and all carriers subject to this Act are hereby authorized to permit the interception, receipt, or utilization of communications by such designated lawful authorities; provided, that this authority is limited to demands for foreign intelligence information pertaining to the national security; and, provided further, that nothing herein provided shall authorize the use of any information so obtained as evidence in criminal prosecutions unless otherwise admissible."